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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A computer and method of operating same. One aspect is a computer configurable between three configurations. In a first, a display and keyboard are accessible to a user. In a second configuration, the display and a keyless interface are accessible. The third configuration is a tablet configuration. In another aspect the keyboard and keyless interface are disposed on opposite sides of a module, and a cable-less connection is provided between the module and a body of the computer housing the processor. A further aspect is a computer comprising a body and a module slidably mountable thereto and including the keyboard and keyless interface on opposite sides. The body includes a slot to slidably receive the module, with the slot having an open end. A further aspect is an adapter, and method of use therefor, for use with a notebook computer. The adapter comprises a body including a mechanical interface for mechanically mounting to the notebook computer; and a keyless interface movably mounted to the body so that the keyless interface can be arranged in at least two configurations relative to the notebook computer.

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